

House File 2496 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 661)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to recycling initiatives.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. GREEN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND GREEN ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE — PURPOSE.

3 1. The purpose for the creation of the green advisory
4 committee and the green certification program pursuant to this
5 Act is to enhance efforts to promote environmental stewardship
6 by encouraging responsible environmental management and
7 recycling.

8 2. The general assembly finds and declares all of the
9 following:

10 a. The green advisory committee is urged to further
11 the policy of responsible environmental management by
12 encouraging recycling projects that operate in an innovative,
13 cost-effective, technologically advanced, and environmentally
14 sensitive manner.

15 b. The concept of environmental stewardship embraces every
16 aspect of the environmental footprint left by the creation and
17 use of disposable goods and every effort should be made to
18 recycle and reuse such goods in an environmentally responsible
19 way.

20 c. Managing recycling can help to mitigate the climate
21 change impacts by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases
22 released into the atmosphere and improving water quality.

23 d. The goal of managing resources in a sustainable manner
24 is to increase the benefits to communities and society for the
25 present and for the future.

26 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455D.51 Green advisory committee.

27 1. a. A green advisory committee is established. The
28 department shall provide staffing for the advisory committee.
29 The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

30 (1) By January 1, 2011, submit a report to the general
31 assembly which shall include recommendations for creating,
32 administering, funding, and periodically reviewing a green
33 certification program as provided for in a report submitted by
34 the comprehensive recycling planning task force pursuant to
35 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1109, section 11, as amended by 2009

1 Iowa Acts, chapter 149, sections 1 through 3. As used in this
2 section, "green certification" means certification granted to a
3 business that meets certain minimum requirements or standards
4 in waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.

5 (2) Make recommendations to the department for the
6 development and implementation of a recycling vendor
7 and resource green list to be available statewide that
8 identifies reliable vendors, contacts, and resources who meet
9 predetermined standards for recycling services.

10 (3) Make recommendations to the department for the
11 development and implementation of an ongoing, statewide
12 communication and outreach educational resource program for
13 all sectors of recycling. The program shall educate consumers
14 regarding currently available programs, promote the usage of
15 recycling programs and initiatives, and educate and market
16 programs in development. The communication and outreach
17 educational program may include a recycling internet site that
18 serves as the central recycling resource.

19 b. The advisory committee shall consist of the following
20 voting members:

21 (1) Three members nominated by the Iowa recycling
22 association. One member shall have expertise in the recycling
23 of paper and cardboard, one member shall have expertise in
24 the recycling of plastic and glass, and one member shall have
25 expertise in the recycling of metals that are not located in or
26 that are not from a scrapyards.

27 (2) One member nominated by the Iowa society of solid waste
28 operations.

29 (3) Three members nominated by the Iowa society of solid
30 waste operations representing solid waste planning areas of
31 various sizes and from various locations across the state.

32 (4) One member nominated by the Iowa league of cities.

33 (5) One member nominated by the solid waste association
34 of north America representing private solid waste disposal
35 entities. The member shall have expertise in the hauling of

1 solid waste.

2 (6) The director of the department of natural resources, or
3 the director's designee.

4 (7) One member nominated by the Iowa environmental council.

5 (8) One member nominated by the league of women voters of
6 Iowa.

7 (9) One member nominated by the Iowa wholesale beer
8 distributors association.

9 (10) One member nominated by the Iowa beverage association
10 representing juice and soft drink distributors.

11 (11) One member nominated by the Iowa bottle bill coalition
12 representing independent redemption centers.

13 (12) One member nominated by the Iowa state association of
14 counties.

15 (13) One member nominated by the Iowa farm bureau
16 federation.

17 (14) One member nominated by the Iowa association of
18 business and industry.

19 (15) One member nominated by the home builders association
20 of Iowa.

21 (16) The director of the alcoholic beverages division of the
22 department of commerce, or the director's designee.

23 (17) One member nominated by keep Iowa beautiful.

24 (18) One member nominated by the Iowa grocery industry
25 association.

26 (19) One member nominated by the Iowa dairy foods
27 association.

28 (20) One member nominated by the petroleum marketers and
29 convenience stores of Iowa.

30 (21) One member nominated by the Iowa retail federation.

31 (22) One member nominated by the Iowa wine growers
32 association.

33 (23) The director of transportation, or the director's
34 designee.

35 (24) One member nominated by the Iowa division of the Izaak

1 Walton league.

2 (25) One member nominated by the American chemistry
3 council.

4 (26) One member nominated by the Iowa chapter of the sierra
5 club.

6 (27) One member representing the brewer industry who is a
7 member of the beer institute and who sells beer in Iowa and
8 surrounding states.

9 c. The voting members shall be appointed by the governor
10 in compliance with the requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A,
11 and 69.19. The terms of the members appointed by the governor
12 shall be staggered at the discretion of the governor.

13 d. The advisory committee shall annually elect a
14 chairperson. A majority of the members of the advisory
15 committee shall constitute a quorum.

16 2. The department shall collaborate with the green
17 advisory committee and other organizations in pursuing the
18 recommendations made by the committee pursuant to this section.
19 The department may contract with a third-party vendor to
20 perform the requirements of this section and may use moneys
21 in the solid waste account of the groundwater protection fund
22 which has been allocated to fund alternatives to landfills
23 pursuant to section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph "a".

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill relates to recycling initiatives.

26 The bill establishes a green advisory committee. The bill
27 requires the advisory committee to submit a report to the
28 general assembly by January 1, 2011, with recommendations for
29 the creation of a green certification program as provided
30 for in a report by the comprehensive recycling planning
31 task force. The advisory committee is also required to
32 make recommendations to the department of natural resources
33 regarding the development and implementation of a recycling
34 vendor and resource green list and regarding the development
35 and implementation of an ongoing, statewide communication

1 and outreach educational resource program for all recycling
2 sectors.

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4 green advisory committee and other organizations in pursuing
5 the recommendations made by the advisory committee. The
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7 the requirements of the bill and may use certain moneys in the
8 solid waste account of the groundwater protection fund.